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Well, I cannot believe that the summer term has finally come to an end finishing what has been a monumental year for Pontyclun Primary School.

We have had a fun packed final half term with recycling fashion parades, beach workshops, summer visits, transition activities, sporting tournaments and of course the annual Pontyclun's Got Talent show. A busy term, but lots of fun.

Of course, the end of year is always tinged with sadness as we bid farewell to our year 6 pupils. The year 6 class of 2024-2025 have been an absolute pleasure to have taught and have as pupils. Individually and collectively, they have been role models for their peers and a credit to their families with their enthusiasm for all the different challenges and opportunities that the year has brought. They are ready for the next stage of their education and will embrace all that this brings. We look forward to hearing of their future successes, and they leave, knowing that they will always be welcomed back as a part of the Pontyclun Primary family.





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We would like to offer a big thank you and huge appreciation to parents and carers for your generous gifts and kind words at the end of term, it's never expected but always gratefully received. For those parents and carers leaving us, we thank you for your support over the years and for those returning in September, we look forward to working with you in continuing to grow and develop your children.

We are hoping that the school grounds will be finished by the time we return in September. This might result in some changes to how the school operates the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up, and we are looking at the systems that can be in place. However, when children return for the first day in September, the existing arrangements will be in place. This is in case circumstances change and the grounds are not finished, and to allow us time to understand how the new layout will be best suited to drop off and collection. Hopefully, once we have the new systems in place, we will be finally settled in the new school and further changes won't need to be navigated. Your understanding and patience over the past few years has been fantastic, and I am sure, you like us, are looking forward to a much more settled future.

All that remains, is for me, on behalf of the staff of Pontyclun Primary, to wish you a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday September 3rd.

Mr Roberts



Key Dates for Autumn Term 2025



Date	Event
Monday 1st September 2025	INSET day - school closed for all pupils
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	School open for all pupils
Tuesday 9th September 2025	Meet and greet teachers 3.30 - 4.30 pm the teachers will show a short presentation about the expectations of their class for the year and topics that will be covered in the Autumn term. This will be sent via seesaw for any parents unable to attend. Also an opportunity to discuss concerns with your child's new teacher
Monday 22nd September 2025	Art gallery exhibit 2.30 - 3.30 - All children will make a piece of artwork during our first topic that you will be able to see and purchase during the exhibit, More information to follow on this
Wednesday 17th September 2025	New prospective Nursery open evening 3.30 - 5
Thursday 25th September 2025	Year 6 Y Pant open evening 4.30pm
Sunday 28th September 2025	FOPPS (Friends of Pontyclun Primary school) AGM meeting, 7.30pm venue TBC
Monday 29th September 2025	Whole school flu vaccination
Monday 20th October and Tuesday 21st October	Parents evening



Key Dates for Autumn Term 2025



Date	Event
Thursday 23rd October 2025	FOPPS spooky disco
Friday 14th November 2025	INSET day - school closed for all pupils
Wednesday 19th November, Tuesday 10th February and Friday 19th June	Year 6 Y Pant transition days
Friday 21st November 2025	Children in Need day - children to come dressed in Pudsey clothing or spotty clothing
Monday 5th January 2025	INSET day - school closed for all pupils
Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March 2025	Parents evening
Friday 27th March 2025	INSET day - school closed for all pupils
Monday 4th May 2025	Bank holiday Monday - school closed for all pupils
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May	Provisional sports day
Friday 22nd May 2025	INSET day - school closed for all pupils
Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June 2025	Provisional reserve sports day



Key Dates for Autumn Term 2025



Date	Event
Friday 3rd July 2025	Reports sent to parents
Monday 13th July 2025	Report surgery
Tuesday 14th July 2025	Year 6 leavers concert
Monday 20th July 2025	INSET day - school closed for all pupils



Attendance



Nursery	91.74%
Reception	94.50%
Year 1	92.27%
Year 2	93.45%
Year 3	93.54%
Year 4	94.32%
Year 5	93.84%
Year 6	93.05%

**This chart shows our
year group
attendance for
Summer Term**

**Green - above our
94% target
Amber - between
90-93.9%
Red - Below 90%**



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Cricket Wales engagement day



Years 4,5 + 6 enjoyed an engagement day provided by Cricket Wales. They learnt batting and fielding skills and generally had lots of fun learning basic skills.

Sport RCT Cricket Festival

10 year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Sport RCT Taf cricket festival in Ynysangharad park. They played 5 games against Dolau, Gwauncelyn, Gwaunmeisgyn and Awel taf. All pupils had opportunities to bowl, field and bat and displayed amazing sportsmanship skills.
Da iawn!



URDD Beach Rugby



14 of our year 4 pupils had the opportunity to visit Barry Island beach and participate in the URDD TAG rugby festival. The fantastic weather reflected the amazing teamwork and resilience shown throughout the day.



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Action for Children Bouncing Back Workshop

Pupils from years 4 and 5 participated in 2 workshops run by Action for Wales. The workshops discussed emotions, resilience and how to change your outlook on events to become more positive. We were so lucky we even received a goody bag with things to help us with this.



Author visit- Kate Williams

Years 2-6 were so fortunate to have author Kate Williams visit to discuss her book 'Squeak, Quawk, Roar!'

Pupils loved her interactive assembly learning more about rhyme and made poems about sea creatures in tune to her ukulele.

Hopefully those lucky enough to purchase a book have enjoyed!





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Morgan Sindall Sustainability Workshop Year 6

The pupils in Year 6 received two workshops from Morgan Sindall discussing sustainability methods that the company use when designing new buildings; including our school. In the first workshop they designed their own dream houses considering how they could make the designs sustainable. In the second workshop they used a budget to design a new building considering the costings of making it sustainable. A huge thank you to Morgan Sindall who also purchased 6 packs of construction straws and connectors for our pupils to use in school in the future.



Stick percussion workshop Year 1 - 5

Pupils from Years 1 - 5 took part in the *Trashin' the School* workshop from *Stick 2*. In line with our sustainability topic, pupils were able to play instruments made entirely from junk and recyclable materials! Pupils began with some body percussion, developing their rhythm and ability to play alongside others. Pupils were then given a range of 'junk' items including rolled up newspapers, old plant pots, bins, an old sink, and some old pots and pans. The pupils worked together to play a piece alongside each other, combining the sounds of each junk instrument. They enjoyed seeing how everyday items can be transformed into musical instruments!





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Beach academy workshop Year 1,2 and 3



Pupils from Years 1,2 and 3 participated in a workshops run by Beach Academy Wales. As our topic is all about Sustainability, we have been learning about plastic waste and how it affects local wildlife.

The workshop covered plastic being washed up on our beaches, how long it takes to break down and how marine wildlife is harmed by the litter in our seas.

The children loved dressing up as different sea creatures! We created plastic waste art and we made some fantastic jellyfish, dolphins and crabs out of the litter.

It was a fantastic day!

They are also providing workshops on our local beaches for children of all ages, during the summer holidays, so check out their website to book on!

<https://www.beachacademywales.com/files/ugd/95035e89c8d13817714a2cb11e207affca5c6c.pdf>

Experimental Science assembly

We were really lucky to have another whole school assembly from Experimental Science. We learnt about reactions and watched several exciting experiments where we created rockets that launched around the hall!

In the new school year they will running after school clubs for a limited number of children the information for this has previously been sent out on parentmail.





FOPPS news

Friends of Pontyclun Primary School



FOPPS colour run



The FOPPS colour run was a fantastic event and this raised £480.50 for the school. From organising the event through Ticketboo, 5 trees have also been planted.

FOPPS disco

The FOPPS Summer time disco was a huge success on Wednesday night. They raised a huge £780 in profit. Thank you to everyone that attended, keep an eye out for more FOPPS events next year.





Agencies that offer help should you need it



Childline - 0800 1111

Citizens Advice Bureau - 01656 762800

Samaritans - 116123

Shelter Cymru (financial and home advice) - 0800 495495

Resilient families - 01443 425006

RCT families website - www.rctfamilies.co.uk